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In the claims

## Please amend claim 25 as follows:

- 25. (Amended) An apparatus for assisting in the identification of a marked liquid, the apparatus comprising:
- (a) a vessel for receiving a liquid including at least a first marker and a second marker, wherein each of said markers is miscible with said liquid and wherein each of said markers has a unique absorption spectrum differentiable from the absorption spectrum of said liquid and any other marker in said liquid;
- (b) a detector for identifying said first marker and said second marker by their respective absorption spectra and for generating signals indicative of concentrations of the first and second marker in the liquid, the concentrations of the markers having been preselected to identify the liquid; and
- (c) a comparison element to compare said [unique absorption spectra signals of said first and second markers] detector signals with a look up table of predetermined [spectra] marker concentration patterns, the concentration patterns being chosen as unique indicators for specific liquids that carry said markers, so as to assist in identification of said liquid.

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